

their duty, and they ask that the following correspondence relating to the subject be entered upon the Journal of Proceedings of this House :

ANNAPOLIS, January 26th, 1872.

HON. GEORGE. R. DENNIS,

*Dear Sir*—It becomes our pleasant duty, as members of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, to communicate to you, officially, your election to the high honor of representing your State in the Senate of the United States for six years, from the 4th day of March, 1873.

Believing, sir, that Maryland has honored a worthy son, when through her Legislature she has called upon you to represent her in part in the Councils of the Nation, and being satisfied that you will sedulously guard her interests and uphold her rights, we subscribe ourselves,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

BARNES COMPTON,

DANIEL FIELDS,

Senate.

EDWIN LINTHICUM,

F. STONE,

JOHN COLES,

House of Delegates.

Mr. Dennis replied as follows, in writing :

ANNAPOLIS, Md.

*To the Joint Committee of the Senate*

*and House of Delegates :*

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated January 30th. 1872, informing me of my election, by the Legislature of Maryland, to the Senate of the United States, for the term commencing on the 4th day of March, 1873.

With feelings of profound gratitude, I return to the Legislature, through you, my sincere thanks for this marked distinction and honor.

I accept the position with a due appreciation of its great responsibility, and my earnest desire and aim shall be so to discharge its duties as best to promote the prosperity and